

Shadowing Guide – Parenting Time Visits

- Objectives:**
1. Become familiar with policy requirements for parenting time (FOM 722-6).
 2. Take notice of worker preparation for parenting time.
 3. Take notice of what is observed by the worker.
 4. Take notice of how the worker engages the parent concerning the visit.

Parenting Time

Types: Supervised
Unsupervised

Shadowing staff gives you an opportunity to experience the most sensitive part of casework. This shadowing guide will present some questions for you to consider as you observe parenting time.

Please read over the questions BEFORE you observe any parenting time visits.

Parenting time date and type

Date: _____ **Type:** _____

Preparation:

How often are the parent(s) and child(ren) visiting?

According to policy (FOM 722-6), foster care workers must engage the family in establishing/scheduling parenting time. How was the parenting time schedule for this family established?

According to FOM 722-6, parenting time must occur in a child and family friendly setting conducive to normal interaction between the child and parent. Where is the parenting time to occur?

If visits occurred in the home were LEIN checks completed on adults in the home (or requested for PAFC workers)?

Does the Foster Care Worker have any specific goals or concerns regarding the parenting time visit? Have these been conveyed to the parent(s)? If so, how?

During the Parenting Time Visit

Things to watch for during the visit:

- Was the parent/ foster parent/ child on time for the visit?
- Did the parent tend to the child(ren)'s needs?
- Were there any other "guests" present at the visit?
- Did the parent bring anything to the visit with them?
- Did the parent plan any activities for during the visit?

- Did the child's behavior change during the visit?
- Did the parent have to discipline the child(ren) in any way during the visit?

Following the Parenting Time Visit

Did the Foster Care Worker meet with the parent(s) following the parenting time visit? If so:

How did the Foster Care Worker engage the parent in regards to the visit?

What does the parent need to do or change before/during the next parenting time visit?

Were there any concerns that needed to be addressed during/following the visit?

What goals must be met in order for the visit to move to the next "level" (i.e. unsupervised, in-home, overnight)?

Did the parent have any questions for the Foster Care Worker? If so, how did the worker answer them?